

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-19, 21, 27 and 148-179 were pending in the present application. Applicants have amended claims 170-176 to change claim dependency and to change font for the word "azithromycin." The amendments to claims 170-176 are fully supported by the original specification and do not raise any issue of new matter. Moreover, the amendments to these claims would place the present application in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 9-19, 21, 27 and 148-179 will be under examination.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 170-179 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant respectfully points out that claims 170-175 have been amended to depend upon claim 21 as suggested by the Examiner. Moreover, claim 176 has been amended to correct the font of the word azithromycin. Therefore, this ground of rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action stated that "claims 1, 9-19, 21, 27 and 148-169 are allowed."

Applicant believes that claims 170-179, as amended, would also be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance regarding to claims 1, 9-19, 21, 27 and 148-179.

CONCLUSION

In view of the claim amendments and the remarks, further and favorable consideration of all pending claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for the consideration of the present Amendment. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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